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**Tasmanian Key Indicators** (cat. no. 1304.6) provides an overview of economic and social indicators and is released on a monthly basis. Updates this month: **Labour Force, Wages and Prices, Finance, and Consumption and Investment.**

Explanatory Notes are not included in the form found in other ABS publications. Please see the Explanatory Notes contained in related ABS publications (links to source documents are provided in the summary tables).

For further information about these and related statistics, contact the ABS on 1300 135 070 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

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# Labour Force



## LABOUR FORCE

Source	Tas. value	Aust. value	Change previous month (Tas)	Change corresponding month previous year (Tas)
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<b>Jan 2009</b>					
Unemployment rate(a) - trend	6202.0	4.5%	4.6%	0.1pts	-0.5pts
No. of unemployed persons(a) - trend	6202.0	11 100	521 200	2.8%	-7.5%
No. of employed persons(a) - trend	6202.0	237 300	10 745 400	-0.3%	3.0%
Participation rate(a) - trend	6202.0	61.7%	65.0%	-0.2pts	0.8pts
<b>2006</b>					
No. of volunteers(b) ('000)	4441.0	130.9	5 226.5	..	..
Volunteer rate(b)	4441.0	36.0%	34.1%	..	..
Total annual hours of voluntary work(b)	4441.0	17.7 million	713.1 million	..	..
Median annual hours of voluntary work(b)	4441.0	55	56	..	..

.. not applicable

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.

(b) Persons aged 18 years and over.

#### More Detailed Source Information

Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)

Voluntary Work, Australia (cat. no. 4441.0)

## Wages and Prices



### WAGES AND PRICES

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
<b>Dec Qtr 2008</b>				
CPI all groups: Hobart(a)	6401.0	164.4	-0.2	3.3
Price index of materials used in house building: Hobart(a)	6427.0	173.6	1.4	7.0
House price index numbers: Hobart(b)(c)	6416.0	p140.3	p-1.0	p-3.1
<b>Sep Qtr 2008</b>				
Wage Price Index, Tasmania(b)	6345.0	120.6	1.4	4.0
<b>Aug Qtr 2008</b>				
Average weekly earnings - full-time adult ordinary time - trend	6302.0	\$1 023.20	0.5	1.5
<b>2005-2006</b>				

Median income - gross household income per week	6523.0	\$850	..	..
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.. not applicable

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(a) Baseline: 1989-90=100.0.

(b) Baseline: 2003-04=100.0.

(c) Estimates for the two most recent quarters are experimental and subject to revision. For further information see paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes in House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities (cat. no. 6416.0).

#### More Detailed Source Information

Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0)

Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0)

House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities (cat. no. 6416.0)

Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia (cat. no. 6523.0)

Labour Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6345.0)

Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0)

## Tourism



### TOURISM

	Source	Value	% Change corresponding quarter previous year
<b>Sep Qtr 2008</b>			
No. of hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms	8635.0	155	0.6
Takings from accommodation: Hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms	8635.0	\$35.5m	1.6
.. not applicable			

#### More Detailed Source Information

Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0)

## Finance



### FINANCE

Source	Value	% Change previous	% Change
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			period	corresponding
			period	previous
				year
<b>Dec 2008</b>				
Housing finance commitments for owner occupation: no. of dwellings financed(a) - trend	5609.0	1 083	2.5	-21.5
<b>Sep Qtr 2008</b>				
Private capital expenditure: actual total expenditure - chain volume measures(b) - trend	5625.0	\$314m	1.6	34.2

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(b) Reference year 2005-06.

#### More Detailed Source Information

Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0)

Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0)

## Consumption and Investment



### CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
<b>Dec 2008</b>				
Sales of new motor vehicles (no.) - trend	9314.0	1 398	-2.9	-18.5
Retail turnover at current prices - trend	8501.0	np	np	np
Total dwelling units approved (no.) - trend	8731.0	234	-2.7	-11.4
<b>Sep Qtr 2008</b>				
Total dwelling units commenced (no.) - trend	8752.0	746	2.6	4.0

np not available for publication - The Federal Government Economic Security Strategy Package implemented in December 2008 has impacted on Australian retail turnover. If the trend estimates were to be calculated without fully accounting for this irregular event, they would be likely to provide a misleading view of the underlying trend in retail activity. Until data is available in future months, it is not possible to determine the trend in retail turnover through the period affected by the stimulus package. As a result, the retail trend series have been suspended as at November 2008. Please see the "Suspension of trend estimates" section of Retail Trends, Australia, Dec 2008 (cat. no. 8501.0).

#### More Detailed Source of Information

Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0)

Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0)

## State Accounts



### STATE ACCOUNTS

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
<b>Sep Qtr 2008</b>				
State Final Demand: chain volume measures - trend(a)	5206.0	\$5 663m	0.8	4.8
International trade - export of goods - trend	5206.0	\$939m	0.8	-0.3
International trade - import of goods - trend	5206.0	\$236m	12.8	54.2
<b>2007-08</b>				
Gross State Product: chain volume measures(a)	5220.0	\$20 907m	..	3.4

.. not applicable

(a) Reference year 2006-07.

### More Detailed Source Information

Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0)  
 Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (cat. no. 5220.0)

## Population



### POPULATION

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
<b>Jun Qtr 2008</b>			
Estimated resident population (no.)	3101.0	p498 163	p21 373 998
Net interstate migration (no.)	3101.0	p90	..
Net overseas migration (no.)	3101.0	p235	p50 797
Population growth rate	3101.0	p0.17%	p0.43%
<b>At 30 Jun 2008</b>			

Proportion of population aged 0-14 years	3101.0	p19.5%	p19.3%
Proportion of population aged 15-64 years	3101.0	p65.5%	p67.5%
Proportion of population aged 65 and over	3101.0	p15.0%	p13.3%
Proportion of population aged 85 years and over	3101.0	p1.9%	p1.7%
Median age of population (years)	3201.0	p39.4	p36.9
<b>2007-08</b>			
Fertility rate (children per female)	3101.0	p2.2	p1.9
<b>2005-2007</b>			
Life expectancy at birth - males (years)	3302.0	77.7	79.0
Life expectancy at birth - females (years)	3302.0	82.4	83.7
<b>At 8 Aug 2006 (Census night)</b>			
Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population(a)	Census QuickStats	3.5%	2.3%
Proportion of population born overseas(a)	Census QuickStats	10.6%	22.2%

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.. not applicable

(a) Based on place of usual residence.

#### More Detailed Source Information

2006 Census QuickStats: Tasmania

Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)

Deaths, Australia (cat. no. 3302.0)

For further information about Census QuickStats see: <https://www.abs.gov.au/census>.

Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories (cat. no. 3201.0)

## Living Arrangements



### LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
<b>At 30 Jun 2007</b>			
No. of households	4442.0	199,000	8 071 000
Lone person households as proportion of total households	4442.0	27.1%	24.8%
No. of families	4442.0	142 000	5 905 000
Couple-only families as proportion of all families	4442.0	44.4%	40.1%
No. of families with children aged 0-17 years	4442.0	61 000	2 576 000
One parent families with children aged 0-17 years as proportion of all families with children aged 0-17	4442.0	19.7%	20.1%

years

**2007**

Crude marriage rate (per 1,000 population)	3306.0.55.001	p5.7	p5.5
Crude divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	3307.0.55.001	2.3	2.3

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**More Detailed Source Information**

Divorces, Australia (cat. no. 3307.0.55.001)

Family Characteristics and Transitions, Australia (cat. no. 4442.0)

Marriages, Australia (cat. no. 3306.0.55.001)

## Mortality



### MORTALITY

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
<b>2007-08</b>			
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 population)	3101.0	p7.0	p6.0
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	3101.0	p4.4(a)	p4.1(a)

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(a) Tasmanian infant mortality rates are based on relatively small numbers, so caution is advised when comparing with the Australian rate.

**More Detailed Source Information**

Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)

## Education



### EDUCATION

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
<b>2008</b>			
Reading - proportion of year 5 students at or above national minimum standard(a)(b)	MCEETYA	89.7%(c)	90.9%(d)
Writing - proportion of year 5 students at or above national minimum standard(a)(b)	MCEETYA	92.6%(e)	92.5%(f)

Numeracy - proportion of year 5 students at or above national minimum standard(a)(b)	MCEETYA	92.1%(g)	92.6%(h)
<b>2007</b>			
Year 10 to year 12 apparent retention rate (full-time students)	4221.0	65.3%	75.6%

(a) Note that the 2008 NAPLAN tests replace previous individual state and territory-based tests within a new assessment framework. The new national scale is not directly comparable with previous state and territory-based tests and therefore with previous years' benchmark results.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions, hence caution should be exercised when comparing results.

(c) The achievement percentages reported in this table are subject to error and have 95% confidence intervals. The confidence interval for year 5 Tasmanian students reaching the reading benchmark is 1.4%, meaning there is a 95% chance that the true percentage lies between 88.3% and 91.1%.

(d) The achievement percentages reported in this table are subject to error and have 95% confidence intervals. The confidence interval for year 5 Australian students reaching the reading benchmark is 0.3%, meaning there is a 95% chance that the true percentage lies between 90.6% and 91.2%.

(e) The achievement percentages reported in this table are subject to error and have 95% confidence intervals. The confidence interval for year 5 Tasmanian students reaching the writing benchmark is 1.1%, meaning there is a 95% chance that the true percentage lies between 91.5% and 93.7%.

(f) The achievement percentages reported in this table are subject to error and have 95% confidence intervals. The confidence interval for year 5 Australian students reaching the writing benchmark is 0.2%, meaning there is a 95% chance that the true percentage lies between 92.3% and 92.7%.

(g) The achievement percentages reported in this table are subject to error and have 95% confidence intervals. The confidence interval for year 5 Tasmanian students reaching the numeracy benchmark is 1.2%, meaning there is a 95% chance that the true percentage lies between 90.9% and 93.3%.

(h) The achievement percentages reported in this table are subject to error and have 95% confidence intervals. The confidence interval for year 5 Australian students reaching the numeracy benchmark is 0.2%, meaning there is a 95% chance that the true percentage lies between 92.4% and 92.8%.

#### More Detailed Source Information

*National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2008 Summary Report*, Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA):[http://www.mceetya.edu.au/mceetya/Schools, Australia \(cat. no. 4221.0\)](http://www.mceetya.edu.au/mceetya/Schools, Australia (cat. no. 4221.0))

## Health



### HEALTH

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
<b>2004-05</b>			
Current smokers (as proportion of persons aged 18 years and over)	4362.0	25.5%	23.1%
Overweight/obese adults (as proportion of persons aged 18 years and over)	4362.0	48.8%	49.2%
Adults who are sedentary (as proportion of persons aged 18 years and over)	4362.0	34.1%	34.0%

## More Detailed Source Information

National Health Survey: Summary of Results; State Tables (cat. no. 4362.0)

# About this Release

Tasmanian Key Indicators is a web-based product containing the latest social and economic summary data on Tasmania, including labour force, wages and prices, tourism, finance, consumption and investment, state accounts, population, living arrangements, mortality, education and health. It is released on a monthly basis.

Tasmanian Key Indicators features links to source publications on the ABS website to enable readers to explore particular topics in more detail. The data is also presented in an Excel spreadsheet in the Downloads tab. Replaces: Tasmanian Statistical Indicators (cat. no. 1303.6).

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